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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is filed in response to an Office Action that was mailed in the above-referenced case on January 3, 2008. This paper is accompanied by a petition for a one month extension of time and fee. Please charge any additional fees due in connection with this paper to Marshall, Gerstein and Borun, LLP account number 13-2855, under order number 30187/41217.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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